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Amendments to the claims:

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (currently amended) A garage door locking system comprising:
 - (a) a central elongated spindle having an inside end and an outside end;
 - (b) an outside locking member on the outside end of the spindle;
 - (c) an inside locking member on the inside end of the spindle; and
 - (d) an actuator yoke on the inside end of the spindle, the yoke having at least one first end configured for connection to ~~an end of a~~ a first elongated lock bar, and a second end configured for connection to a second elongated lock bar, the first and second ends outwardly extending from the locking system;

wherein ~~the outside locking member and the inside locking member are configured to permit the spindle to be both selectively locked against rotation and selectively unlocked to permit rotation from either the inside end or the outside end of the spindle~~ both the inside locking member and the outside locking member are operable to selectively permit and selectively prevent rotation of the spindle by manipulation of the outside end of the spindle.

2. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 wherein the at least one end of the yoke also is configured for connection to an end of a snap latch cable.

3. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 wherein the outside locking member is a keyed cylinder lock.

4. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 wherein the inside locking member is a push-button cylinder lock.
5. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 and further comprising an outside handle on the outside end of the spindle.
6. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 and further comprising an inside handle on the inside end of the spindle.
7. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 wherein the yoke includes a first end and an opposed second end, and wherein the first and second opposed ends each are configured for connection to an end of an elongated locking bar.
8. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 wherein the actuator yoke includes a hub portion for connection to the inside end of the spindle and two opposed ends, wherein the opposed ends of the yoke are offset from the hub portion such that the opposed ends are nearer the outside end of the spindle than the hub portion.
9. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 8 and further comprising an inside escutcheon, wherein the inside escutcheon includes a central protruding portion and a recessed portion, wherein the recessed portion provides sufficient clearance to permit selective

rotation of the two opposed ends of the yoke when the spindle rotates relative to the inside escutcheon.

10. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 and further comprising an outside escutcheon.

11. (original) A garage door locking system according to claim 1 and further comprising an inside escutcheon.

12. (currently amended) A locking system for a garage door having an inside face, an outside face, and first and second opposed side edges, the locking system comprising:

(a) a spindle configured to be rotatably mounted in an aperture in the garage door, the spindle having an inside end and an outside end, wherein the inside end of the spindle inwardly extends a substantial distance from the inside face of the garage door; and

(b) an offset actuator yoke having a central hub portion on the inside end of the spindle, and having opposed ends, wherein the central hub is proximate to the inside end of the spindle and the opposed ends outwardly extend from the locking system and are substantially proximate to the inside face of the garage door when the spindle is rotatably mounted in the garage door aperture and the central hub is mounted on the spindle;

(c) an outside locking cylinder on the outside end of the spindle; and

(d) an inside locking cylinder on the inside end of the spindle;

~~wherein the outside locking member and the inside locking member are configured to permit the spindle to be both selectively locked against rotation and selectively unlocked to~~

~~permit rotation, from either the inside end or the outside end of the spindle both the inside~~
~~locking cylinder and the outside locking cylinder are operable to selectively permit and~~
~~selectively prevent rotation of the spindle by manipulation of the outside end of the spindle.~~

13. (original) A locking system according to claim 12 and further comprising an inside escutcheon configured for attachment on the inside face of the garage door, wherein the inside escutcheon includes a raised central portion and a recessed outer portion such that the recessed outer portion provides sufficient clearance to permit rotation of the opposed ends of the yoke relative to the inside escutcheon.

14. (original) A locking system according to claim 13 and further comprising an outside escutcheon configured for attachment on the outside face of the garage door.

15. (original) A locking system according to claim 12 and further comprising an outside handle on the outside end of the spindle and an inside handle on the inside end of the spindle.

16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) A locking system according to claim 12 wherein the outside locking cylinder is a keyed locking cylinder.

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A locking system according to claim 12 wherein the inside locking cylinder is a push-button locking cylinder.

20. (currently amended) A garage door lock comprising inside and outside coaxial locks on respective inside and outside ends of a central spindle, and an offset yoke on the spindle configured for selective connection to ~~at least one~~ first and second slidable lock bars or ~~at least one~~ first and second snap latch cables, wherein ~~the inside and outside coaxial locks are~~ configured to permit the spindle to be both selectively locked against rotation and selectively unlocked to permit rotation by either the inside lock or the outside lock both the inside lock and the outside lock are operable to selectively permit and selectively prevent rotation of the spindle by manipulation of the outside end of the spindle.

21. (original) A garage door lock according to claim 20 wherein the offset yoke on the spindle is configured for selective connection to first and second slidable lock bars or first and second snap latch cables.

22. (original) A garage door lock according to claim 20 and further comprising an inside handle and an outside handle on the spindle.

23. (original) A garage door lock according to claim 20 and further comprising an inside escutcheon and an outside escutcheon.

24. (original) A garage door lock according to claim 23 wherein the inside escutcheon includes a raised central portion and a recessed outer portion such that the recessed outer portion provides clearance for rotation of the yoke relative to the inside escutcheon.